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1. KOREA

SEOUL PROSECUTOR 'EDNESDAY ANNOUNCED ARREST KIM DAE JUNG, 10 MORE PERSONS, ON CHARGES CONSPIRACY OVERTHROW PARK GOVT. NINE OTHERS, INCLUDING FORMER PRES YUN PO SUN, BOOKED FOR INVESTIGATION, BUT NOT ARRESTED (UPI, NYDN; AP, SUN).

EARLIER WEDNESDAY, GOVT RELEASED FOUR DISSIDENTS, WIVES OF KIM DAE JUNG, YUN PO SUN, AND ASSYMAN CHYUNY YIL- RYUNG, CHRISTIAN LEADER HAHM SUK-HUN. WERE DETAINED FOR QUESTIONING A00UT ROLE READING ANTI-PARK MANIFESTO MYUNG DONG CATHEDRAL MAR 1 (AP, SEOUL).

SAAR (P), IN SEOUL, REPORTS CUL/INFO MIN KIM SONG JIN
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INTERVIEW WEDNESDAY SAID 11, IF CONVICTED, FACE LEAST ONE YEAR PRISON, POSSIBLE EXECUTION; EXPLAINED GOVT ORDERED NEWS BLACKOUT BECAUSE "MOST KOREAN PEOPLE" NOT INTERESTED THESE THINGS. NOTES AMEMBASSY "STUNNED,"

WOULD NOT COMMENT ON REPORTS IT INTERVENED SEEK RELEASE
KTM, OTHERS, TO AVERT 'AVALANCHE' 'S CRITICISM PARK
GOVT. QUOTES YUN PO SUN ARGUMENT NOT CRIME IN DEMOCRATIC

COUNTRY ASK PRES LEAVE OFFICE, ASSERTION NEVER USED
FORCE.

NYT SPECIAL (SEOUL) CITES SPOKESMAN W'O DEFENDED
ARRESTS AS 'NECESSARY' ON GROUNDS GOVT MUST MAINTAIN
CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER TO BILD DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.
SAYS NDP ACCUSED ROKG OF CHOOSING "CREATE GREAT
CONTROVERS" WITHIN, WITHOUT NATION. CITES KIM YOUNG
SAM PREDICTION, IN INTERVIE, NATION WOULD REVOLT
EVENTUALLY, UNLESS PRES PARK AGREES REVISE CONSTIT-TION.
QUOTES STATEMENT BY KIM DAE J'NG WIFE, AFTER RETURNED
HOME, REFUSED FOOD DURING 46-HR DETENTION.

2. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

TN SWORN STATEMENT GIVEN FOR CIVIL SUIT, EX-PRES
NIXON SAYS HAK PICKED PERSONS TO 0E WIREAPPED 1969-71
IN SEARCH FOR LEAK ON SECRET CAMBODIAN POMBING (WSJ;
NYT SPECIAL; VOLZ, NYDN). NIXON RENEWS CONTENTION PUBLIC
DISCLOSURE 7 YRS AGO OF SECRET US BOMING IN CAMBODTA
FORCED HIM STOP BOMPTNG AT COST MANY US LTVES. REPEATS
COHTENTION SIHANOUK SECRETLY MADE KNOWN TO US THAT HE
WISHED NVN FORCES IN CAMPODTA BOMBED, NOT PREPAFED SAY
SO PUPLICLY. EXPRESSES PRIDE IN DECISIONS BOMB NVN,
LAOS IN 1972, INDICATING ONLY REGRET WAS WAITING
SO LONG (NYT SPECIAL).

LAOTIAN AF PILOT MAKES 2ND AIRBORNE ESCAPE IN 2 DAYS
FROM COMMUNIST INDOCHINA TO THAILAND. FLIES LIGHT
OBSERVATION PLANE FROM SAVANNAKHET T BASE 340 MI NORTH
BANGKOK. DETAILS ESCAPE UNKNOWN; PILOT BEING HELD FOR
ILLEGAL ENTRY, IS UNDER INTERROGATION (AP NYT, PHINQ, CSM).

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VTET PILOT HO ESCAPED TO THATLAND IN COPTER SAYS NEW
REGIME WAS SUSPICIOUS OF HIM BUT NEEDED SKILLS IN TEST
FLIGHTS US-MADE CHOPPEFS (AP NYT, PHTNQ). LAT'S MCARTHUR
(3/10) AT PANGKOK TELLS OF SVN PILOT'S ESCAPE ON COPTER
FROM CAN THO, INCLUDING UNDETECTED LANDING IN CAMBODIA
TO REFUEL FROM CANS ON BOARD. SAYS VN AUTHORITIES ALMOST
CERTAIN CLAIM AIRCRAFT, OUT THAI WILL PROBA LY IMPOUND
IT.

IN SEPARATE ARTICLE, MCARTHUR NOTES IN NEGOTIATIONS
CONCERNING US PRESENCE, RTG RAISES POSSIBILITY US MAY
BE ASKED ABANDON ELECTRONIC LISTENING POSTS. OPINES
KUKRIT MAY BE ATTEMPTING GIVE TMRESSION FIRM DEALING

WITH US, WHILE REALLY WANTS DAMPEN DOMESTIC CRITICISM,
KEEP ISSUES UNRESOLVED 'TIL CAN BE NEGOTIATED IN LESS
TROUBLED ATMOSPHERE.

3. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

KY TOLD WELCOME SPEAK AT AMERICAN U FOR NO FEE; PRES
STUDENT CONFEDERATION SAYS DOESN'T WANT "CRIMINALS
MAKING MONEY THERE (CHEN, WSTAR 3/10).

4. INDONESIA

SEVEN S MOLUCCANS WHO HELD TRAIN GO ON TRIAL FOR MURDER
IN ASSEN, NETHERLANDS, UNDER TIG;T SECURITY (NYT SPECIAL).

5. CHINA

GLOBE'S BEECHER REPORTS THAT ACCORDING WELL-PLACED ADMIN
OFFICIALS, PRES FORD, DURING DEC PRC VISIT, GAVE TENG
SECRET PLEDGE TO REDUCE US MIL PRESENCE TAIWAN BY ABOUT
50 PCT OVER NEXT YEAR. SAYS PROSPECTIVE FORCE REDUCTION
MEANT NOT ONLY TO CONTINUE TREND BEGUN BY NIXON FOUR YEARS
AGO, BUT ALSO TO REASSURE CHINESE THAT US DETERMINED
FURTHER NORMALIZATION PROCESS, EVEN IF NOT Q ITE READY
BREAK FORMAL DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH GROC, ESTABLISH THEM
WITH PEKING. REPORTS DEC PLEDGE CONSIDERED HOLDING
ACTION, SERVING SHOW GOOD FAITH OF US INTENTIONS, WHILE
GETTING ADMIN PAST THIS YEAR'S ELECTIONS AND INTO POSITION
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FOR MORE DRAMATIC MOVES, ASSUMING FORD RE-ELECTION.
SAYS NE'REDUCTIONS DOUPTLESS WTLL DIMINISH ONE FUNCTION
REGARDED AS OF SPECIAL VALUE TO US--WORK OF ABOUT 1000
AF PERSONNEL AT SHULINKO' AB, WHO INVOLVED IN SUBSTANTIAL
EAVESDROPPING, CODE-BREAKING EFFORT DIRECTED AT PRC.

AP'S GEDDA REPORTS SOURCES SAYING DOS PLANNING SHARP
CUTBACK IN US-FINANCED MIL CREDIT SALES TO ROC, IN MOVE
TOWARD FURTHER NORMALIZATION RELATIONS WITH PEKING. BUT
GEDDA OBSERVES NO IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION GLOBE ALLEGATION.

NCNA WEDNESDAY BROADCAST PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL CONTAINING
MAO CALL ON CHINESE PEOPLE TO TAKE 'STILL MORE ACTIVE
PART' IN CURRENT STRUGGLE AGAINST THOSE WHO INSIST ON
FOLLOWING "CAPITALIST ROAD" (AP PHINQ, GLOBE, SUN; NYT;
NYDN).

AP (TOKYO) SEES MAO STATEMENT INTENSIFYING BATTLE AGAINST
TENG, EVEN THOUGH LATTER NOT NAMED BY CHAIRMAN. NOTES
EDITORIAL FIRST IN ANY MAJOR CCP PUBLICATION DEVOTED
ENTIRELY TO CAMPAIGN; AS ALSO FIRST TIME NCNA REPORTED
ON CAMPAIGN -- THUS INDICATING ANTI-TENG FORCES HAVE NEW

DEGREE CONFIDENCE, OPENNESS.

NYT SPECIAL REPORTS HK ANALYSTS VIEW PD EDITORIAL AS SUMMING UP OF ANTI-RIGHTIST CAMPAIGN IN PREPARATION FOR NEXT STEP--INVOLVEMENT BY MASSES. SAYS, SO FAR, MOVEMENT APPARENTLY UNABLE GATHER MUCH MOMENTUM IN PROVINCES, WHERE MANY HIGH OFFICIALS PURGED DURING GPCR, LTKE TENG, AND MANY OWE PRESENT POSITIONS TO TENG. EDITORIAL ALSO VIEWED AS ATTEMPT ISOLATE TENG FROM SUPPORTERS, AND ITS WORDING ALSO SEEMED LEAVE POSSIBILITY TENG MAY EVENTUALLY BE READ OUT OF CCP.

6. JAPAN

PRES FORD EXPECTED SEND PRIVATE LETTER PM MIKI WITHIN ;NEXT FEEDAYS," PROMISING JAPAN CONDITIONAL ACCESS US INFO ON LOCKHEED PAYOFFS (CSM). US DATA THOUGHT "STRONGLY SUGGEST" LOCKHEED PAID BRIBES GOJ OFFICIALS OVER PAST 10 YEARS (AP NYDN, SUN). WH SOURCES UNCLASSIFIED

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SAID WOULD NOT RELEASE FORD LETTER, BUT GOJ LIKELY DO SO BECAUSE INTENSE PUBLIC INTEREST ABOUT US WILLINGNESS COOPERATE IN INVESTIGATION. AIDES SAID PRES TAKING "KEEN PERSONAL INTEREST" IN SCANDAL ((AP NYT; WSTAR 3/10).

"WELL PLACED" US OFFICIALS WASHINGTON SAID CITING PRIVATE REMARK TOKYO BY FORMER OFFICIAL AS -STRONG HINT" FORMER GOJ OFFICIALS GOT LOCKHEED PAYOFFS. TOLD FRIENDS RECENTLY, "IF I GET CAUGHT, I'M GOING TO TAKE A LOT OF OTHERS WITH ME." NOT IDENTIFIED, BUT KNOWN SERVED IN KEY POST DURING SECOND HALF PERIOD UNDER INVESTIGATION (AP, SUN).

SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED UPPER HOUSE PRES KENZO KONO VIEWS MIKI GOVT SHOULD RESIGN BECAUSE OF LOCKHEED SCANDAL, AS ONLY WAY GET GOVT MACHINERY WORKING AGAIN. CABINET SPOKESMAN WEDNESDAY DISMISSED KONO STATEMENT AS "SMALL TALK OVER TEA.'

AM0 HODGSON APPEARED AT CLOSED HEARING CHURCH SUB-CMTE WEDNESDAY. CHURCH TOLD PRESS "SATISFIED," ON BASIS TESTIMONY, HODGSON DID NOT FAVOR LOCKHEED, HAD NO KNOWLEDGE PAYMENTS FIRM MADE JAPANESE OFFICIALS. ADDED OTHER MEMBERS SFRC SUB-CMTE BELIEVED KNOWLEDGE OF PAYOFFS CONFINED FEW PEOPLE (GLOBE; REUTER, WASHINGTON 3/10).

SPOKESMAN SAID POLICE RAIDED MARUBENI OFFICES THURSDAY, SECOND TIME 16 DAYS. SEEKING EVIDENCE OF LOCKHEED PAYMENTS. ALSO CHECKED MANUFACTURERS HANOVER TRUST

TOKYO OFFICE, FOR EVIDENCE POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH
PAYOFFS (REUTER TOKYO).

PROCURATORS PLAN MEET FRIDAY, DECIDE WHETHER CHARGE
KODAMA WITH TAX EVASION (REUTER TOKYO).

SEIDEN (SUN) REPORTS KING HUSSEIN, QUEEN ALIA, OF JORDAN,
WELCOMED BY EMPEROR, EMPRESS, ON ARRIVAL TOKYO. CITES
MFA SPOKESMAN THAT ONE- WEEK STATE VISIT DESIGNED
"PROMOTE IMPROVED RELATIONS" BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.
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NOTES TRIPLING JAPANESE TRADE WITH ARABS SINCE 1973
REFLECTS CAMPAIGN EARN BACK SOME OF 20 BILLION DOLS
PAID FOR OIL EACH YEAR.

PETER TONGE, IN CSM FEATURE, "FOOD - AMERICA'S NO. 1
EXPORT", NOTES JAPAN BEST US AGRICULTURE, BOUGHT
OVER THREE MILLION DOLS WORTH FARM PRODUCTS LAST YEAR.
ADDS INCREASED WORLD DEMAND MEANS US FARMERS NOT
HARD-PRESSED SELL PRODUCE.

MITI SPOKESMAN SAID WEDNESDAY JAPAN WARNED US MIGHT
RETALIATE IF PRES FORD IMPOSES QUOTA SPECIALTY STEEL;
ALSO DEMANDED US IGNORE ITC RECOMMENDATION LIMIT IMPORTS
(AP, PHINQ).

JAPAN'S NUCLEAR POWER CAPACITY EXPECTED CONTINUE GROW
THIS YEAR, DISPLACE UK FROM RANKING AS SECOND TO US
(WP).

AMERICAN INTL GROUP SAID NYC WEDNESDAY SIGNED AGREEMENT
STRENGTHEN BONDS WITH DAIDO MUTUAL LIFE INS CO (JOC, NY).

SUMITOMO METALS SAID WEDNESDAY TWO MEMBERS OF GROUP
WILL JOIN ALIREZA GROUP, TO BUILD 49 MILLION DOL
26,5000-TON CAPACITY SPIRAL STEEL PIPE PLANT SAUDI
ARABIA BY SPRING 1978 (WSJ, TOKYO).

BANK OF TOKYO SPOKESMAN SAID WEDNESDAY 30-PCT OWNED
BRAZILIAN AFFILIATE CLOSE BANKRUPTCY, BUT ON
POSITION WOULD NOT BE "SIGNIFICANTLY" HARMED IF
DECLARED INSOLVENT (WSJ, TOKYO).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

7. CHINA

WP'S GREENWAY, IN HK, NOTES WEDNESDAY PEOPLE'S DAILY
FRONT-PAGE EDIT ELEVATED CAMPAIGN AGAINST TENG BY CITING
MAO'S PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT. SAYS, AT SAME TIME,

EDIT AS PERHAPS MOST AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT TO DATE
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ON CURRENT CAMPAIGN, AND SAYS MAY BE RESULT OF CCP
CENTRAL CMTE MEETING, IN OPINION OF HK CHINA-WATCHERS.

GREENWAY OBSERVES THAT GIVEN EDIT'S FEROCITY AND WITH
MAO SO CLEARLY ON RECORD AGAINST HIM, TENG HAS SEEMINGLY
BEEN PUT BEYOND POLITICAL REDEMPTION. SAYS PD EDITS,
TRADITIONALLY, HAVE CARRIED MORE WEIGHT THAN MERE
ARTICLES, AND NOTES WEDNESDAY'S WAS ONLY THIRD EDIT
THIS YEAR.

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD IN HK, FINDS ANALYSTS THERE APPARENTLY
HAVE NOT BEEN ONLY PEOPLE BEWILDERED BY NEW PRC CAMPAIGN
AGAINST RIGHTISTS; SAYS TO JUDGE BY SOME REPORTS IN
CHINESE MEDIA, ACCOUNTS TRAVELERS FROM PRC, CHINESE
PEOPLE THEMSELVES ARE UNCERTAIN, WARY, ABOUT ATTACKS
ON TENG AND OTHER CCP "CAPITALIST ROADERS." NOTES
REPORTS OF NINGSIA TEACHERS' MEETING TO "ENABLE" ALL
UNDERSTAND CURRENT CAMPAIGN, AND CITES REPORT OF
SEVERAL EUROPEAN STUDENTS RECENTLY AT PEKING U THAT
CHINESE STUDENTS THERE WERE STUNNED WHEN CONTROVERSY
AROSE LAST MONTH, AND ANTI-TENG POSTERS HUNG ONLY AFTER
STUDENTS TOLD HOW TO WORD THEM.

ACCORDING BUTTERFIELD, TENG NOT NAMED POSSIBLY BECAUSE
CHINESE LANGUAGE, CULTURE, PREFER TO OPERATE INDIRECTLY;
ANOTHER, MORE LIKELY, EXPLANATION IS THAT MAO AND
LEFTIST ALLIES SIMPLY DO NOT HAVE STRENGTH ATTACK TENG
AND ENTRENCHED PARTY APPARATUS DIRECTLY. NOTES
REVELATION HUA FROM SHANSI, NOT HUNAN, AS EARLIER THOUGHT;
ADDS THAT IF ALSO FACTUAL, AS PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN, THAT
HUA HAD SERVED IN ARMY, HE MIGHT HAVE BETTER PERSONAL
TIES WITH PLA AND BROADER POWER BASE THAN REALIZED.

SUN'S WU, IN HK, FINDS NOW POSSIBLE, FROM LITERALLY
MILLIONS PRC MEDIA WORDS IN PAST FEW MONTHS, TRACE
HITHERTO LITTLE-KNOWN SCENARIO THAT HAS LED TO PRESENT
PRC POLITICAL TURMOIL. NOTES REHABILITATED TENG HAD
PLEDGED NEVER REVERSE GPCR VERDICTS. BUT BEGINNING OF
WHAT HAS SINCE BEEN CONSTRUED AS OPPOSITION TO MAOIST
LINE WAS TENG'S ALLEGED MANEUVERING AND ATTITUDE TOWARD
ANTI-LIN PIAO ANTI-CONFUCIUS MOVEMENT IN 1974; IN 1975,
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TENG ALLEGEDLY RESORTED TO UNDERCOVER METHODS TO
SABOTAGE, PLAY DOWN CLASS STRUGGLE ELEMENT WHICH MAO
EMPHASIZED WAS KEY LINK TO MOVEMENT TO STUDY THEORY
OF PROLETARIAN DICTATORSHIP. DURING THIS PERIOD, TENG

ALSO REPORTEDLY SHOWED UTTER DISDAIN TO YOUNG LEADERS
EMERGING FROM GPCR, AND HIS OTHER SINS RANGED FROM

VILLIFYING REVOLUTIONARY THEATER TO PUTTING PROFITS,
NOT POLITICS, IN COMMAND IN INDUSTRY, OPPOSING
RUSTIFICATION OF URBAN YOUTH AND UNDERMINING
REVOLUTIONIZED RURAL MEDICAL CARE PLAN. NO OUTWARD
SIGN TENG GOING AGAINST MAO'S WHOLE RANGE DOMESTIC
POLICIES, POSSIBLY BECAUSE CHAIRMAN GAVE HIM WARNING,
CHANCE AMEND HIMSELF. AT CHOU POST-FUNERAL PARTY,
CONCEIVABLE TENG MADE TO ANSWER FOR RECENT SINS BEFORE
COULD BE AFFIRMED NEW LEADER, AND CURRENT FLOOD ATTACKS
ON HIM INDICATED HE RESISTED CRITICISM.

WSJ'S KEATLEY SAYS UNLIKELY THAT NIXON PRC TRIP HAS
HURT SINO-US RELATIONS VERY MUCH, AND SIX MONTHS FROM
NOW ITS SPECIFIC EFFECT MAY BE DIFFICULT DETECT.
NEVERTHELESS, NIXON TRIP, COMBINED WITH RETURN CHINESE
POLITICAL FERMENT, REVISES DOUBTS ABOUT DURABILITY OF
SINO-US COOPERATION. NIXON INVITATION PROVES CHINESE
PREFER DOING THINGS THEIR WAY OR NOT AT ALL. MANY
KNOWLEDGEABLE AMERICANS IRRITATED AT THIS, THINK
COMPROMISE COULD BE PRACTICED OFTEN AS PREACHED IN
PEKING. SAYS THERE'S EVEN SOME DOS BELIEF HAK CODDLES
CHINESE BIT TOO MUCH BECAUSE OF HIS PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT,
IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO RELATIONSHIP. SAYS SOME US
BUSINESSMEN HAVE LOST INTEREST IN PURSUING CHINESE
CONTACTS, FEELING PEKING MAKES IT TOO MUCH TROUBLE.
ANALYSTS SAY CURRENT PEKING POLITICAL STRUGGLE SUGGESTS
ANY RELATIONSHIP WITH PRC CAN BE SEVERED WITHOUT NOTICE,
AND IS SUBDUED PREVIEW OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN ONCE MAO
DEPARTS, WITH SINO-US RELATIONS POSSIBLY DRAGGED INTO
LONG, CONFUSING STRUGGLE.

ON NIXON TRIP CARTOON FRONT: SF CHRON (3/1) HAS BERRY
DRAWING OF FORMER PRES, HANDS HIGH IN "VICTORY" SIGN,
AS WIFE SAYS: "I KNOW THE CHINA TRIP MADE YOU FEEL
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LIKE YOUR OLD SELF, BUT I'M GOING TO BED;" CHITRIB'S
STAYSKAL SKETCHES HAK READING LETTER: "DEAR HENRY:
HOW'S THE OL' (EXPLETIVE DELETED)? HERE'S THE
(EXPLETIVE DELETED) REPORT ON MY TRIP TO RED CHINA.
(EXPLETIVE DELETED) IT WAS GREAT;. . ."

CSM'S ARMBRUSTER, IN TAIPEI, NOTES TAIWAN TIGHTENS
RESTRICTIONS, JAILS POLITICAL DISSENTERS. SAYS LIFE
SENTENCE FOR WOULD-BE POLITICIAN PAI YA-TSUN CAME AS NO
SURPRISE IN TAIPEI; BUT LOCAL, FOREIGN OBSERVERS SUR-
PRISED THAT NEWS RELEASED TO PUBLIC. ANNOUNCEMENT SEEN
BY LOCAL DISSIDENTS AS WARNING OF WHAT MIGHT BE IN STORE

FOR THEM IF THEY DO NOT WATCH STEP. NOTES OBSERVERS
FEEL PAI'S STINGING CRITICISM CCK WAS REASON FOR
SEVERITY HIS SENTENCE, AND THAT ONLY REASON WAS NOT
EXECUTED WAS EXTENSIVE COVERAGE HIS CASE RECEIVED IN
FOREIGN PRESS KISSINGER

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